

753 BC	<p><u>MONARCHY OF ROME</u></p> <p>Founding of Rome (<i>Romulus, Remus</i>) Brothers Romulus and Remus argue over where to found the city. Guess which one kills the other and names the city.</p> <p>Kidnapping of the Sabine Women (<i>Romulus</i>) Romulus tricks the Sabines with a festival. They get drunk and he and the Romans kidnap their women. A war ensues that is stopped by these women.</p>
509 BC	<p><u>ROMAN REPUBLIC</u></p> <p>Rape of Lucretia (<i>King Tarquinius Superbus, Lucretia, Brutus</i>) The vile seventh King of Rome rapes Lucretia. She tells her tale and honorably kills herself. Her relatives avenge her death and begin the republic.</p>
264-41 218-01 149-46 BC	<p>Three Punic Wars (<i>Hamilcar, Hannibal, Fabius, Scipio</i>) The emerging Rome defeats Carthage on Sicily and at sea (first), survives Hannibal (second), and burns Carthage to the ground (third).</p>
91-88 BC	<p><u>CIVIL WAR</u></p> <p>Social War Rome enters a conflict with their closest Italian allies. Marius and Sulla establish themselves as capable military leaders in Rome's defence.</p>
88-82 BC	<p>Marius vs. Sulla The Senate (Optimates) award Sulla an army to fight in Greece. The Assembly (Populares) award the same title to Marius. Sulla marches on Rome and chases Marius out. Sulla leaves on his eastern campaign and Marius takes Rome. Marius dies in Rome as Sulla marches back to confront him. Sulla becomes the dictator of Rome.</p>
60-44 BC	<p>Caesar vs. Pompey (and the Senate) Caesar, Crassus, and Pompey rule Rome. Caesar makes a name for himself by conquering in Gaul. Crassus dies in Syria trying to make a name for himself. The Senate hide behind Pompey. Caesar defeats them after a long chase (in Egypt he begins a relationship with Queen Cleopatra). The Senate, terrified that Caesar wants to become the King of Rome, assassinates him (Caesar's friend, Marcus Brutus is one of his murderers).</p>
43-27 BC	<p><u>ROMAN EMPIRE</u></p> <p>Augustus vs. Antony (and Cleopatra) Caesar's will names Octavius as his heir. Octavius changes his name to Julius Caesar Octavian. Octavius and Antony split the Empire. Antony lives in Egypt with Cleopatra. They wage war against each other and Octavius is victorious in the naval battle at Actium. Antony and Cleopatra commit suicide. Octavius is the undisputed ruler of Rome. He changes his name to Emperor Augustus and ushers in a new age.</p>
30 AD	<p>Death of Jesus The Roman governor Pontius Pilate condemns Jesus to death because the local leadership declare him to be a false prophet.</p>
27-68 AD	<p>Julio-Claudian dynasty The famous first five Emperors: Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, and Nero.</p>
96-180 AD	<p>The Five Good Emperors (Rome at it's largest) Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, and Marcus Aurelius.</p> <p>Praetorian Guard A general storms Rome and becomes Emperor. The Praetorian (Imperial) Guard becomes the key selector of the Emperor.</p>
313AD	<p>Edict of Milan Christianity recieves state support under Constantine.</p>
330AD	<p>Constantinople Constantine moves the capital of the Empire to the East. The Byzantine Empire survives, in various forms, until the 15th century.</p>

Reading Rome:
Livy (59 BC – 17 AD)
Plutarch (46 – 120 AD) Parallel Lives (comparative biographies)
Tacitus (56 -120 AD) Annals, Histories
Suetonius (75 – 160 AD) The Twelve Caesars

Edward Gibbon (1737 - 94) The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire
Michael Grant (1914 - 2004)
Robert Graves (1895 – 1985) I, Claudius
Colleen McCullough (1937 -) Masters of Rome series
Rome HBO Series (2005 - 07)

